National Transportation Safety Board FACTUAL REPORT AVIATION

NTSB ID: ANC99LA076 Aircraft Registration Number: N43373

Occurrence Date: 06/12/1999 Most Critical Injury: None

Occurrence Type: Accident Investigated By: NTSB

Location/Time

Nearest City/Place
CANTWELL
State Zip Code Local Time Time Zone
AK 99729 1930 ADT

Airport Proximity: Off Airport/Airstrip Distance From Landing Facility: 1

Aircraft Information Summary

Aircraft Manufacturer Model/Series Type of Aircraft
Taylorcraft BC-12 /BC-12 Airplane

Revenue Sightseeing Flight: No Air Medical Transport Flight: No

Narrative

Brief narrative statement of facts, conditions and circumstances pertinent to the accident/incident:

*** Note: NTSB investigators may not have traveled in support of this investigation and used data provided by various sources to prepare this aircraft accident report. ***

On June 12, 1999, about 1930 Alaska daylight time, a wheel equipped Taylorcraft BC-12 airplane, N43373, sustained substantial damage during a forced landing after takeoff from the Summit Airport, a private airport located about six miles southwest of Cantwell, Alaska, about latitude 63 degrees, 19.89 minutes north, and longitude 149 degrees, 07.64 degrees west. The airplane was being operated as a visual flight rules (VFR) personal flight to the Lake Hood Strip, Anchorage, Alaska, when the accident occurred. The airplane was operated by the pilot. The certificated private pilot, the sole occupant, was not injured. Visual meteorological conditions prevailed. The flight was the continuation of a cross-country flight that originated at the Fairbanks International Airport, Fairbanks, Alaska, about 1800.

During an interview with the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) investigator-in-charge (IIC), on June 14, 1999, the pilot reported that when he departed Fairbanks, the airplane's engine was running fine. He landed at the Summit Airport for a rest. Upon departure from runway 21, the engine power began to decrease, varying from full power to almost none. His application of carburetor heat produced no change. He said the engine was not running rough or sputtering, but was not producing enough power to climb above about 100 feet. He made a gentle bank to the left, gradually losing altitude. He performed an emergency landing on soft, tundra-covered terrain about 3/4 mile southwest of the airport. During the landing, the landing gear was sheared off, the wing lift struts were bent, and the left wing was bent at the inboard end.

In the Pilot/Operator report (NTSB form 6120.1/2) completed by the pilot, he indicated that he always filtered his fuel through a chamois. Prior to his departure from Fairbanks, he did not find any water in the fuel when he sumped his fuel tanks.

Following the accident, the airplane was recovered and transported to a private residence in Big Lake, Alaska. A Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) airworthiness inspector, Anchorage Flight Standards District Office (FSDO), inspected the airplane at the residence on July 1, 1999. The inspector reported the carburetor control cables were attached, and operated normally. Fuel was present in the carburetor bowl, and in the lines to the carburetor. About four to five gallons of fuel was present in the header tank. Engine gear train continuity was established. The air filter was unobstructed.

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| AVIATION | rrence Type: Accident | | | | | | | | | | |
| Landing Facility/Approach Inf | ormation | | | | | | | | | | |
| Airport Name Ai | | | | Airport Elevation | Rur | way Used | Runway Length | | h F | Runway V | Vidth |
| SUMMIT | | | | 2409 Ft. MSL | . 21 | 21 3840 | | | | 30 | |
| Runway Surface Type: Gravel | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Runway Surface Condition: Dry; So | oft | | | | | | | | | | |
| Approach/Arrival Flown: NONE | | | | | | | | | | | |
| VFR Approach/Landing: Forced La | anding | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aircraft Information | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aircraft Manufacturer Taylorcraft | | | Model BC-1 | /Series 2 /BC-12 | | | | Serial I 7032 | Number | | |
| Airworthiness Certificate(s): Norma | al | | · · | | | | | | | | |
| Landing Gear Type: Tailwheel | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Amateur Built Acft? No | Number of Seats: 2 | 2 | Certifie | d Max Gross Wt. | 1200 LBS Number | | | r of Eng | r of Engines: 1 | | |
| Engine Type: Reciprocating | Engine Manufacturer: Model/Series: A-65-8 | | | | | | Rated Power: 65 HP | | | | |
| - Aircraft Inspection Information | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Type of Last Inspection Date of Last Inspection Time Since Last Inspection Airframe | | | | | | | | | e Total Ti | me | |
| | | | | | | | | | Hours | | |
| - Emergency Locator Transmitter (E | LT) Information | | | | | | | | | | |
| ELT Installed?/Type Yes / | | | ELT Opera | ted? No | ELT Ai | ded in Locating | g Accide | ent Site? | ? | | |
| Owner/Operator Information | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Registered Aircraft Owner | | | Street A | Address P.O. BOX 83 | 637 | | | | | | |
| KARL D. OLSON | | | | City | | | | | | | Code 09 |
| Operator of Aircraft | Street Address | | | | | | | | | | |
| Operator of Aircraft P.O. BOX 83637 KARL D. OLSON State Zip Code | | | | | | | | | | Code | |
| | | | | FAIRBANKS | | | | | | | 09 |
| Operator Does Business As: | | | | | 0 | perator Desigr | nator Co | de: | | | |
| - Type of U.S. Certificate(s) Held: N | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Air Carrier Operating Certificate(s): | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Operating Certificate: | | | | Operator Certifi | cate: | | | | | | |
| Regulation Flight Conducted Under | Part 91: Genera | al Aviatio | on | | | | | | | | |
| Type of Flight Operation Conducted | Personal | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | AVIATI | ON | | Occurren | ce Type: Ac | cident | | | | | | | | |
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| First Pilot | t Information | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Name | | | | | | City | | | | Stat | te [| Date of Birth | Age | |
| | | | | | | On File | | | | | On I | File | | 34 |
| Sex: M Seat Occupied: Left Occupational Pilot? Unknown Certificate Number: | | | | | | | | | er: | | | | | |
| Certificate(| s): Priva | ate | | | | | | | | • | | | | |
| Airplane Ra | ating(s): Sing | le-engine L | and | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Rotorcraft/0 | Glider/LTA: None | e | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Instrument | Rating(s): None | <u> </u> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Instructor F | Rating(s): None | е | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Current Bie | nnial Flight Revie | ew? | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Medical Ce | ert.: Class 3 | Medica | al Cert. Status | s: Valid Me | dicalno w | aivers/ | lim. | | 1 | Date of La | ast Me | edical Ex | (am: 07/1997 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| - Flight Tim | Flight Time Matrix All A/C This Make Airplane Airplane Mult-Engine Mult-Engine Night | | | | | | ght | Actual | Instrument simulated | | F | Rotorcraft | Glider | Lighter Than Air |
| Total Time | | 360 | 120 | 360 | | | | | | | 3 | | | |
| Pilot In Cor | mmand(PIC) | 310 | 120 | 310 | | _ | | | | | | | | |
| Instructor | | | | | | + | | | _ | | \perp | | | |
| Instruction | | 0 | 0 | 0 | | + | | | | | | | | |
| Last 90 Day | | 2 | 2 | 2 | | + | | | _ | | + | | | |
| Last 30 Da | | 2 | 2 | 2 | | + | | | | | + | | | |
| Seatbelt Us | | | | | | | | | | I cond Pilot? N | 0 | | | |
| Flight Pla | ın/Itinerary | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | ght Plan Filed: V | FR | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | Time Zone | | | | | |
| SUMMIT | | | | | | | AK UM | | UMM | | 1930 | | ADT | |
| Destination State Airport Identifier | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ANCHORAGE | | | | | | | AK Z41 | | | | | | | |
| Type of Cle | earance: None | | | | | | • | | | | | | | |
| Type of Air | space: Class | G | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Weather | Information | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | No rec | ord of briefi | ng | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| AVIATION | | | Occ | Occurrence Type: Accident | | | | | | | | | |
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| Weather | Information | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| WOF ID Observation Time Time Zone WOF Elev | | | | F Elevation WOF Distance From Accide | | | | lent Site | Direction From Accident Site | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 0000 | <u></u> | | 0 Ft. MSL | | | | 0 NM | | 0 Deg. Mag. | | | |
| Sky/Lowes | st Cloud Condition: Clear | r | | | | 0 Ft. AGL | | | Condition of Light: Day | | | | |
| Lowest Cei | iling: None | | | 0 Ft. AGL | Visib | Visibility: 60 | | | Alti | meter: "Hg | | | |
| Temperatu | ure: 18 °C [| Dew Point: | | °C Wea | ather Condi | tions at Accid | lent Si | ite: Visual (| Conc | ditions | | | |
| Wind Direc | ction: Variable | Wind Sp | peed: Light | and \ | Wind | d Gusts: | | | | | | | |
| Visibility (R | RVR): 0 Ft. | Visibility | y (RVV) | 0 SM | Τ' | | | | | | | | |
| Precip and | d/or Obscuration: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Accident | Information | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aircraft Dar | mage: Substantial | | Airc | raft Fire: Non | ne | | | Aircraft Exp | olosio | n None | | | |
| | | | <u> </u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| - Injury Sur | mmary Matrix | Fatal | Serious | Minor | None | TOTAL | | | | | | | |
| First Pil | lot | | | | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | |
| Second | d Pilot | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Student | t Pilot | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Flight Ir | nstructor | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Check F | Pilot | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Flight E | Engineer | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cabin A | Attendants | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Other C | Crew | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Passen | igers | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| - TOTAL A | ABOARD - | | | | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | |
| Other G | 3round | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 | | | | | | | |
| - GRAND | O TOTAL - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | | | | | | | | |
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Investigator-In-Charge (IIC)

SCOTT R. ERICKSON

Additional Persons Participating in This Accident/Incident Investigation:

KIM RISKE (FAA) ANCHORAGE, AK